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This E-Newsletter is a weekly summary of the events taking place in the United States Congress that affect the State of Michigan and primarily Michigan's 13th Congressional District.

Legislative Action From the Week Of 2/3/06

- H.R. 648 Elimination of House Floor Privileges Passes
- H.R. 653 Budget Reconciliation Bill Passes
- H.R. 4659 USA Patriot Act Amendment Passes
- H.Res. 655 Resolution Honoring Coretta Scott King Passes

News You Can Use

- Applications Available for the 2006 African American HIV/AIDS University

Hill Highlights

H. R. 648 Elimination of House Floor Privileges Passes

This legislation is designed to ensure that former Members of Congress who are registered lobbyists do not receive preferential treatment or consideration or access to current Members of the United States House of Representatives. This bill eliminates floor privileges and access to Member exercise facilities for registered lobbyists who are former Members or officers of the House. [I voted in support of this measure](#) that passed by a vote of 379 to 50.

H. Res. 653 Budget Reconciliation Bill Passes

This bill attempts to reduce the federal deficit by cutting \$39 billion from critical programs affecting the health, education, and welfare of American citizens. It cuts Medicaid by \$6.9 billion over five years and \$28.3 billion over 10 years. It also cuts Medicare by \$6.4 billion. It also decreases the funds allocated to commodity, conservation, and rural development through the Farm Bill by \$2.7 billion. This legislation reduces spending on student programs by \$12.7 billion over four years and increases student loan interest rate caps and loan taxes and fees. It places billions of student aid at risk by cutting \$2.2 billion in funds used to administer student aid programs. This legislation also cuts \$1.6 billion from child support programs over five years. Custodial parents will receive \$2.9 billion less child support over five years and \$8.4 billion less over 10 years. The report cuts \$577 million from foster care programs by reducing the number of children eligible for foster care. It also raises \$553 million by increasing fees citizens must pay to file for bankruptcy or for civil case filing. [I voted against this bill](#), which passed by a vote of 216 to 214.



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Directory of
Homeownership
Assistance in the Detroit
Area *Printable booklet of
homeownership resources.*

Medicare's New
Prescription Drug Plans
*Printable handout with
important facts to help you
understand the program.*

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*Brief compilation of tips
and tricks to improve your
energy efficiency in both
your home and on the road.*

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H. R. 4659 USA Patriot Act Amendment Passes

This bill amends the USA Patriot Act by extending the sunset of certain provisions included in original legislation. Some conditions scheduled to expire on February 3 are now scheduled to end on March 10, 2006. For example, this bill requires high-level approval by either the FBI Director, Deputy Director, or Executive Assistant Director for requests for certain records, including library records, medical records, educational records, and tax return records. It also limits retention, and prohibits dissemination, of information concerning U.S. persons. It also requires a description of a specific target in both the application and court order for "roving wiretaps," and specific facts in the application that show that the target's action may thwart surveillance efforts—if the target's true identity is known. [This measure passed the House by a voice vote.](#)



H. Res. 655 Resolution Honoring Coretta Scott King Passes

This bill honors the life of Mrs. Coretta Scott King and recognizes her accomplishments and contributions as a leader in the struggle for civil rights. [I co-sponsored this bill, which passed the House by a voice vote.](#) You may view my official statement for the record honoring Mrs. King on my website at <http://www.house.gov/kilpatrick/pr060201.htm>.



To read more about these measures, or any other legislation, please visit the Library of Congress' legislative information site at <http://thomas.loc.gov/>.

News You Can Use

Applications Available for the 2006 African American HIV/AIDS University

The Black AIDS Institute is a non-profit organization dedicated to reducing HIV/AIDS health disparities in the Black community. It works with HIV/AIDS organizations across the country to increase HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention. The Institute is currently accepting applications for its 2006 African American HIV/AIDS University, a two-year fellowship designed to increase the HIV/AIDS science literacy in Black communities. Applications are available online at www.BlackAIDS.org. For more information, call (213) 353-3610.

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Black History Month – Peanut butter, potato chips, the traffic signal, the gas mask, the mailbox, jazz, rhythm and blues, and the blood bank are just a few of the many items people of African descent have created for our enjoyment, safety, and health. Take time to consider and celebrate their contributions to American society and the world. You can learn more about African American history and culture by visiting your local library or the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History. To obtain more information about the Museum of African American History, call (313) 494-5800 or visit www.maah-detroit.org. The Detroit Historical Museum also hosts an annual African American Family Day. For details about this free event, call the Detroit Historical Museum at (313) 833-1805 or visit www.detroithistorical.org. Be sure to check your local paper for Black History Month events and activities in your area.

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